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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 783
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Joe Sims and the Celina High School Girls' Basketball Team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize the accomplishments of those outstanding athletic teams who work hard, display brilliant skills and demonstrate exceptional dedication and diligence in their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, the Celina High School Girls' Basketball Team displayed these extraordinary qualities throughout another remarkable season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs have prided themselves on teamwork, with each player placing the needs of the team above individual honors; and

WHEREAS, Celina High School compiled a phenomenal record of 30 wins and only five losses, finishing as Runner-up in the Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the team garnered many laurels throughout the season, including sharing the Tri-Lakes Conference Championship with a 9-1 record, and winning the District 7A Tournament Championship and Region 4A Tournament Championship; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to those remarkable achievements, the Lady Bulldogs also earned a Sub-State victory to reach the prestigious State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Celina High School Girls' Basketball Team is highly regarded as one of the best teams in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs were ranked in the top five in the Associated Press Poll for the entire season; and

WHEREAS, the Celina High School Girls' Basketball Team is composed of many gifted athletes, several of whom have earned honors and awards for their excellence on the hardwood; and

WHEREAS, Britany Walker is one such noteworthy Lady Bulldog, who was named to the All-Tri-Lakes Conference First Team and the District, Regional, and State All-Tournament Teams this season; and

WHEREAS, a significant contributor to the Lady Bulldogs' success, Deanna Donaldson was named to the All-Tri-Lakes Conference Third Team, and the District, Regional, and State All-Tournament Teams; and

WHEREAS, Holly Wright is another remarkable player who earned numerous honors and awards, including being named Tri-Lakes Conference Player of the Year, District Tournament Most Valuable Player, and Regional Tournament Most Valuable Player and being selected to the State All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, another extraordinary player is Megan Hamilton, who was named to the All Tri-Lakes Conference Third Team and to the District and Regional All-Tournament Teams; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Plumlee, Mallory Walker, Keshia Poindexter, and Amber Strong also excelled this season as they each earned All Tri-Lakes Conference Honorable Mention honors; and

WHEREAS, in addition, freshman Pauli Herrman and Brooke Smith were named to the Tri-Lakes Conference All-Freshmen Team; and

WHEREAS, the members of this outstanding team are seniors, Britany Walker and Melanie Plumlee; juniors, Holly Wright, Mallory Walker, Deanna Donaldson, Megan Hamilton, Keshia Poindexter and Ashley Eads; sophomores, Amber Strong and Kela Poindexter; and freshmen, Pauli Herrman, Brooke Smith, Casey McLerran, Lindsey Hamilton, Amelia Roberts, Rhonda Lancaster and Muriel Kiffe; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs were guided by the expert coaching of highly respected Head Coach Joe Sims and Assistant Coach Farrah Wood; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sims has earned several awards this season, including Tri-Lakes Conference Co-Coach of the Year and the District Tournament Coaches Award; and

WHEREAS, the team was capably assisted by Trainer Brandon Smart; Managers Summer Smith, Hope Ballard, Tara Wood, and McKenzie Rhoton; and Bookkeeper Leslie West; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs enjoyed the generous support of Celina High School's administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the athletic excellence displayed by this phenomenal basketball program is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of coaches and players alike, and they each deserve special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Jim Sims and the Celina High Schools Girls' Basketball Team on an outstanding season in which they placed second in the State Tournament, and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.